Dear Lasse,

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Pkease do me a favor and include your return ddress on the letter or envelope because with my problem from standing still, the more damaged leg swelling rapidly, getting into files is a bit awkward. In the past you have, which I appreciate.

Wrone is a dear friend and I'm glad he was helpful to you. He always is. And he is a fine teacher, a popular professor at his university.

Paul Hoch and I have been friends for 25 years, from when he was a student. While he and I agree that what Oliver Stone is up to will be bad, will misinform and mislead many,many people, there are some things on which we do not agree. Like his support for some of the conspiracy theories. He is a very good and a very bright person. The book he coauthored is along that line and I think of no real value. If still available.

Garrison is not easy to characterize. I'm sure he is serious and I'm sure he is happy with the publicity but the former does not mean that what he believes is true or that what he writes is accurate. Everything from him has to be questioned because he just made so much of it up. And that is what Oliver Stone just loved and is filming, Or by now has. He is editing it now....No serious scholars pay any attention to him or have any hope for the Stone production being any good.

I am sorry if I confused you about Caesar Rodney. He was dead by the civil war. He did have that mad dash to Philadelphia By road today that is about 80 miles and in those days without any real roads much have been longer. I'm surprised that TIME says he did that in a day. He and the horse must have been exhausted! But it is over him that Delaware calls itself the first state and Wilmington, where I was raised, the first city of the first state.

On TIME, under its founder, Henry Luce, it was quite conservative and angled its news that way. His wife, Claire Booth Luce, was of his beliefs and also was influential. I started reading TIME faithfully about 1930 or so but finally stopped because so much was angled to support Luce's view of the world. I no longer see it. But over the years it has to have changed much. Its Washington burau chief, who I see on TV, remains a Reaganite reactionary.

I also no longer see Newsweek or US News and World Report but I have the impression that both are more or less like TIME, Newsweek perhaps a little liberal on some issues and the other more right-wing.

Before he was President and for at least the first part of his Presidency I believe that Luce would have approved of him and what he did, as you seem to suggest.

If I did not tell you, the public square in the center of Wilmington, which the city hall faces, is Rodney Square. In its center is a large statue of him on a rearing horse, as is popular for military figures. Best regards,

Harold